

b) separating the bound nucleic acids from the fluid.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein said nucleic acids in the fluid are nucleic acids in native form.

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Sub B7 25. The method of claim 23 wherein the bound nucleic acids are separated from the fluid with a magnetic field.

26. The method of claim 23 wherein the magnetic particle is not subjected to the influence of a magnetic field before being brought in contact with sample and is thus able to sediment when being brought in contact with the sample.--

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REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims has been made to correct the multiple dependency of the claims and to put the application in better condition for examination.

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